

100 DESPATCH DR. / E. ROCHESTER, N.Y. 14445-0107 REPLY TO: P.O. BOX 107

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Mr. Sven Tevolies Best Western Hotel 175 North Genesee Street Utica, New York 13502

Dear Mr. Tevolies:

As reconditioners of steel drums, we are often asked to assist customers in disposing of used drums. We will remove all empty drums from your facility. "Empty" is defined in the Code of Federal Regulations as drums containing no pourable liquid and having less than one-inch of viscous residue (40 CFR 261.7). These drums must not have contained acutely hazardous waste as identified in the list of chemicals found in 40 CFR 261.33(e). The fittings, bungs and covers must be tightly in place, and the exterior must be clean in order to prevent contamination from reaching the environment.

Closed top drums will be flushed using a 190-degree caustic solution and all labels and identifying markings will be removed. Open top drums will be burned in an approved incinerator. Reuseable drums will be reconditioned and placed back into service. Unserviceable drums will be crushed, thereby creating an environmentally acceptable raw material for the steel industry.

The waste waters generated through our flushing operation are processed and treated. Residual sludge from the flushing or burning operation is sent to an approved DEC landfill.

The most important aspect of our drum service is that you can be assured that your surplus drums are being disposed of in a responsible way, thereby eliminating the possibility of your incurring any environmental or Superfund liability. The charge for this service will be determined by the type of procedure needed to properly dispose of your drums. Arrangements can be made for special or regularly scheduled pick-ups by calling our office.

Very truly yours,

Charles B. Kaplan

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